

9 Children and Families Service

Pete Bungard introduced the report which provided an update one year on from the Ofsted inspection. He noted that not all of the issues had been resolved but the Council had moved a long way in improving Children's Services. He thanked partners for their support in the journey so far. Case loads had been reduced to an average of 18, the latest technology had been made available to social workers allowing more flexible working, the front door for the service had been redesigned and a strong audit system was in place.

The areas to be addressed were quality of practice, a permanent sustainable workforce and the growing number of children in care.

Partners were pleased about the progress achieved to date and they were anxious that everyone worked together to ensure that such a situation did not arise again.

10 Future meetings and work programme

The work programme attached to the meeting papers was noted.

Future meetings:

26 July at Ebley Mill, Stroud

11 October at Shire Hall, Gloucester – dedicated to Vision 2050

6 December at the Council Offices, Tewkesbury

All on Thursdays starting at 10am